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Proceedings of the Club

ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 8, 1901

Professor Rusby in the chair ; seventeen persons present.

Annual reports were presented, as follows :

The Secretary, Professor E. S. Burgess, reported fifteen meetings held during the year, with an average attendance of thirty-eight ; nineteen active members were elected. The active membership is now 238, the total membership 383 ; twenty papers have been presented besides twenty-six brief notes of collections or of botanical progress.

The Editor, Professor L. M. Underwood, reported a continued increase in the number of pages and of plates in the Club's publications, including in Volume 27 of the Bulletin, 666 pages and 33 plates, and including Volume 9 of the Memoirs with 292 pages and 9 plates.

Reports were also received from the Corresponding Secretary, Curator and Librarian.

No report was received from the Treasurer, Mr. M. L. Delafield, Jr., owing to his protracted illness.

Dr. P. A. Rydberg, as Chairman of the Library and Herbarium Committee, reported on the present unsatisfactory condition of the Club's Herbarium, as to care, accessibility and determination. The suggestion was made, therefore, that the Club donate its herbarium to the New York Botanical Garden under such conditions as these :

(a) That the Torrey Botanical Club herbarium should constitute the nucleus of the separate local collections of the Garden, to be known as the Torrey Botanical Club Local Herbarium or by some similar name agreed upon.

(b) That the Garden take proper care of the same, supplement it from its own collections and from future gifts from members of the Club and other persons, so that it may contain representatives of all of the species growing within the 100-mile limit.

(c) That the members of the Garden staff keep the specimens

properly named and labeled, so that the collection may be of the greatest possible service.

(d) That all members of the Club shall have full and free access to this collection.

The annual election of officers followed, with the following result: *President*, Hon. Addison Brown. *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. T. F. Allen, Dr. H. H. Rusby. *Treasurer*, Dr. H. B. Ferguson. *Recording Secretary*, Prof. E. S. Burgess. *Corresponding Secretary*, Dr. J. K. Small. *Editor*, Prof. L. M. Underwood. *Associate Editors*, Dr. C. C. Curtis, Dr. M. A. Howe, Prof. F. E. Lloyd, Dr. D. T. MacDougal, Dr. H. M. Richards, Miss Anna Murray Vail. *Curator*, Dr. P. A. Rydberg. *Librarian*, Miss Anna Murray Vail.

Other business transacted included the following :

Three resignations were accepted, of Miss F. K. Sturgis, Miss Helen M. Ingersoll, Miss M. A. Johnston.

Two active members were elected, Mrs. Josephine D. Lowe, Lowecroft, Noroton, Fairfield Co., Conn.; Mr. E. G. Buttrick, Winchendon, Mass.

Two nominations for active membership were made.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted, pursuant to the report of a Special Committee at the preceding meeting. By this amendment, Section XIV. of the Constitution will read as follows :

“ Each active member upon his election and annually thereafter shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of four dollars, which shall entitle him to a copy of the Bulletin for the year, and if he desires it, to a copy of such Memoirs as are published during the year, for one dollar additional.”

Discussion followed upon the need of the establishment by the Club of a monthly for the publication of notes and botanical matter of a popular nature, especially with view to stimulate local botany, to be sold only by subscription ; the space of the Bulletin being now wholly needed for technical matter.

The following resolutions offered by Dr. Britton were then adopted :

“ RESOLVED : That the publication by the Club of a monthly

periodical is desirable, to contain short articles and notes with special reference to the study of the local flora, thus covering the ground occupied by the Bulletin at its establishment in 1870.

“RESOLVED: That the editors be authorized and requested to proceed at once with the publication of such a periodical and to designate an editor for it from their number.

“RESOLVED: That until further advised by the Club, the editors be instructed to print not more than twelve pages per month in an edition not to exceed five hundred copies, and to accept subscriptions for said periodical at one dollar per annum.

“RESOLVED: That this periodical bear the name ‘Torreya’ in honor of Dr. John Torrey, the founder of the Club.”

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1901

This meeting was held at the Museum of the Botanical Garden at 4 p. m. Dr. T. F. Allen presided; 26 persons were present. Two new members were elected: Miss Elsie Kupfer, 44 W. 97 St.; Mr. George Wirsing, 104 Bowers St., Jersey City.

Dr. Allen made to the Club a suggestion that he donate his collection of Characeae to the Botanical Garden to ensure its preservation. It contains numerous specimens from all over the world, and very many type specimens.

Dr. Britton remarked that this collection is one of the most complete and authoritative in existence, and would be a valuable accession to the Garden.

Dr. Underwood reported an interview with the Librarian of Columbia University, who accepts the proposition of January 8th, regarding future exchanges.

It was thereupon moved and adopted that the future exchanges of the Club become the property of the Botanical Garden (except in case of sets which are already in part the property of Columbia University) with the proviso that the Garden reciprocate by allowing to all members of the Club, full and free access to the Garden Library.

On motion of Dr. Underwood, elections were made and resolutions were adopted as follows:

1. Dr. N. L. Britton was made one of the Board of Editors.

2. Dr. M. A. Howe was made Editor of the Club's new journal *Torreya*.

3. The matter of subscriptions to *Torreya* was turned over to the Treasurer.

4. The Board of Editors was allowed one hundred dollars toward defraying the expenses of the new journal *Torreya*.

5. To all members of the Club, *Torreya* is to be sent free.

The scientific program was as follows: E. S. Burgess, "Remarks on the History of *Aster Claytoni*"; E. G. Britton, "Some Mosses collected in Washington State by F. L. Gardner." The second paper was deferred on account of the lateness of the hour.

The paper by E. S. Burgess on the history of *Aster Claytoni*, which will soon appear in print, was illustrated by a series of specimens showing type and variations, and a range from the Hudson River to Virginia. The first specimen known was collected in the mountains of Virginia by John Clayton, apparently in or before 1754, during his botanical expedition along the James or that to the sources of the Rappahannock. It is no. 767 of the Gronovian herbarium preserved by the British Museum. Comparisons kindly made by Mr. Edmund G. Baker, of the British Museum, show its identity with plants observed first on Manhattan Island at Inwood, by E. S. Burgess, in 1896, and kept under observation since for study of development. The description of no. 767 written by Clayton and Gronovius, and published in the *Flora Virginica*, Part III., in 1762, without a specific name, long remained without reference to any of our known native species, Forster's reference in 1771 to *Aster macrophyllus* proving untenable. In re-establishing the species in the *Illustrated Flora* in 1898 under the name *Aster Claytoni*, it was intended to pay this tardy tribute to the memory of its discoverer, John Clayton, rightly styled by Collinson as at that period, 1764, "the greatest botanist of America." The species seems particularly frequent in the lower Hudson region, where it had however been hitherto confused with its smoother and more forking ally, *Aster divaricatus*.

EDWARD S. BURGESS,

Secretary.